

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on May 22, 2012

SB 151

The President (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, AND 2011

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,119,424,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified matching fund requirements by specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 1101

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – MEDICAL PRESUMPTIONS AND STUDY

Altering the diseases and cancers that are considered occupational diseases suffered in the line of duty and are compensable in a specified manner; requiring the Department of Legislative Services, with the agreement of specified stakeholders, to contract with a specified individual to study specified types of cancers that specified individuals may contract in the line of duty; providing for the purpose of the study; providing that any funding needed for the study shall be from sources other than the Department; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 235**The President (By Request – Administration), et al****PROCUREMENT – INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Specifying that specified persons shall be considered as engaging in investment activities in Iran under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works, on or before January 1, 2013, to use credible and publicly available information to create a list of persons that engage in investment activities in Iran; requiring the Board to update the list every 180 days; requiring the Board, before adding a person to the list, to provide the person with written notice that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 440**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****PROCUREMENT – INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Specifying that specified persons shall be considered as engaging in investment activities in Iran under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works, on or before December 31, 2012, to use credible and publicly available information to create a list of persons that engage in investment activities in Iran; requiring the Board to update the list every 180 days; requiring the Board, before adding a person to the list, to provide the person with written notice that meets specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 294**Senator Miller, et al****FAMILY FARM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012**

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate up to \$5,000,000 of the value of qualified agricultural property; providing that the Maryland estate tax on qualified agricultural property may not exceed 5% of the value of specified agricultural property exceeding \$5,000,000; providing for the recapture of specified Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 444 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**FAMILY FARM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012**

Altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate up to \$5,000,000 of the value of qualified agricultural property; providing that the Maryland estate tax on qualified agricultural property may not exceed 5% of the value of specified agricultural property exceeding \$5,000,000; providing for the recapture of specified Maryland estate tax under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 442 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE**

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; authorizing the Initiative to award grants to specified entities under specified circumstances; establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative Fund; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to undertake specified high impact economic development activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 8 Senator Astle**MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUND – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WARRANTS**

Authorizing a warrant official to certify to the Comptroller the existence of an outstanding warrant; providing that the Comptroller may not pay Maryland income tax refunds to individuals with outstanding warrants under specified circumstances; providing that the requirement applies only to residents of Anne Arundel County or individuals with warrants from Anne Arundel County; requiring the Comptroller to withhold and pay required amounts under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

- SB 19** **Senator Peters, et al**
SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS
Repealing a termination provision applicable to a sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans’ organizations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- HB 319** **Delegate Proctor, et al**
SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS
Repealing a specified termination provision applicable to a sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans’ organizations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012
- SB 23** **Senator Reilly**
PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP
Altering the membership of the Elevator Safety Review Board to add a member representing the elevator interior renovation industry.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- HB 109** **Delegate Vitale**
PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR SAFETY REVIEW BOARD – MEMBERSHIP
Altering the membership of the Elevator Safety Review Board to add a member representing the elevator interior renovation industry.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 40** **Senators Astle and Garagiola**
SALES AND USE TAX – MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT – ENERGY STAR WINDOWS AND DOORS
Exempting from the sales and use tax sales of machinery and equipment to be used directly and predominantly to produce Energy Star windows or Energy Star entry doors for residential real property and utilities used to operate the machinery or equipment; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1301 Delegate Howard**SALES AND USE TAX – MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT – ENERGY STAR WINDOWS AND DOORS**

Exempting from the sales and use tax sales of machinery and equipment to be used directly and predominantly to produce Energy Star windows or Energy Star entry doors for residential real property and utilities used to operate the machinery or equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 58 Senator Kelley**EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN INFORMAL KINSHIP CARE RELATIONSHIPS – PAYMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – FUNDING**

Altering a provision of law relating to funding the education of specified students with disabilities in informal kinship care relationships; and defining “least restrictive environment”.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 67 Senator Glassman, et al**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS**

Altering the residency requirement for applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 82 Senator Zirkin**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – CLAIMS FOR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH – PAYMENT LIMITATION**

Increasing from \$20,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount payable from the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund for specified claims on account of injury to or death of one individual arising from a motor vehicle accident; increasing from \$40,000 to \$60,000 the maximum amount payable from the Fund for specified claims on account of injury to or death of more than one individual arising from a motor vehicle accident; providing for the allocation of penalties among specified funds on or after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 123 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – NOTICE TO LOCAL SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Requiring the purchaser of specified residential property at a foreclosure sale to provide a copy of the court order ratifying the sale to the local supervisor of assessments within a specified period of time; specifying exceptions; requiring the supervisor of assessments to provide a receipt to the person providing a copy of the ratification order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 133 Senator Conway

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR PERMITS – PERMIT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting a manufacturer that distributes its own prescription devices that are approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from specified permit requirements; altering the information required to be included in an application for a wholesale distributor permit; limiting a requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy or its designee conduct a specified inspection to apply only to applicants that hold prescription drugs or devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 316 Delegate Costa, et al

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR PERMITS – PERMIT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Exempting a manufacturer that distributes its own prescription devices that are approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from specified permit requirements; altering the information required to be included in an application for a wholesale distributor permit; limiting a requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy or its designee conduct a specified inspection to apply only to applicants that hold prescription drugs or devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 135 Senators Gladden and Frosh**GROUND LEASES – REGISTRATION – FAILURE TO REGISTER**

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting ground rent payments, bringing a specified action, or obtaining a specified lien unless the ground lease is registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the ground lease holder has mailed a bill to specified addresses; repealing a deadline for registering a ground lease with the Department; requiring the State Department of Assessments, on specified request, to cause a specified notice to be filed in the land records of a specified county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 177 Delegate McIntosh, et al**GROUND LEASES – REGISTRATION – FAILURE TO REGISTER**

Prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting ground rent payments, bringing a specified action, or obtaining a lien unless the ground lease is registered with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the ground lease holder has mailed a bill to specified addresses; repealing a deadline for registering a ground lease with the Department; repealing provisions of law relating to the extinguishment of the reversionary interest of a ground lease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 143 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLANS**

Requiring a local board of education to submit updates to the local board's comprehensive master plan on or before October 15, 2012, October 15, 2013, and October 15, 2014; and altering the dates by which a local board is required to submit a comprehensive master plan and an annual update.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 167 Senator Currie**TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending termination provisions and altering dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 231 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM

Altering the method used by the Attendant Care Program in the Department of Disabilities to determine sliding payment scales for specified eligible individuals; altering the description of a specified category of eligible individuals at risk of nursing facility placement; authorizing the Secretary of Disabilities to waive specified proportional requirements under specified circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 250 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that specified retirees of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System are subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance under specified circumstances; reducing from 9 to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System or Correctional Officers System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers; and providing for the effective dates of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 84 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that specified retirees of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System are subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance under specified circumstances; reducing from 9 to 5 years the number of years required after retirement for specified retirees of the State Police Retirement System or Correctional Officers System to be exempt from an earnings offset of their retirement allowance when reemployed by specified employers; providing for the effective dates of specified provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 251 **Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR
THE DEAF EXEMPTION

Exempting from a specified offset of a retirement allowance specified retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System who are employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf; providing that the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf may employ a specified number of specified retirees who will not be subject to a specified offset of a retirement allowance; requiring that the superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf is responsible for specified reimbursements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 256 **Senator Astle**
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL
POLICIES – NOTICES OF PREMIUM INCREASES

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to a named insured and an insurance producer a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is in excess of \$1,000 and an increase over the expiring policy premium of the lesser of 3% or \$300; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 876 **Delegate Jameson**
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL
POLICIES – NOTICES OF PREMIUM INCREASES

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to a named insured and an insurance producer a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is in excess of \$500 and an increase over the expiring policy premium of the lesser of 3% or \$300; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 273 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES –
CERTIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Altering the timing of a specified reimbursement to specified accumulation funds for specified administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and the State Retirement Agency; requiring the Board of Trustees to send specified certifications and notifications of the amounts payable by local employers for administrative and operational expenses of the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency on or before February 1 of each year; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 292 Senator Garagiola, et al
EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ
CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – EXTENSION

Extending the date by which the Office of Student Financial Assistance may award an initial Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship; and extending the date by which the Office may renew a Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship under specified circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 293 Senator Miller, et al
EDUCATION – CORE CONTENT AREAS – ACCOUNTABILITY
PROGRAM

Requiring the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals that conform with specified objectives for subject areas that include science and social studies; requiring each public school to survey current student achievement in science and social studies; requiring the State Board and the State Superintendent to implement assessment programs in specified subjects and requiring programs to provide specified information and feedback; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1227 Delegate Busch, et al**EDUCATION – CORE CONTENT AREAS – ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals that conform with specified objectives for subject areas that include science and social studies; requiring each public school to survey current student achievement in science and social studies; requiring the State Board and the State Superintendent to implement assessment programs in specified subjects; requiring specified grade band assessments and end-of-course assessments to be implemented; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 296 Senator Manno, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances and to construct or renovate specified sensitive compartmented information facilities; providing for applications to the Department of Business and Economic Development for approval of the credit and certification by the Department to taxpayers of approved credit amounts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 297 Senator Kelley**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS**

Prohibiting a person from preparing or issuing or requiring the preparation or issuance of a certificate of insurance unless the certificate of insurance form has been filed with and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing an exception; prohibiting a person from altering or modifying an approved certificate of insurance; requiring the Commissioner to disapprove a certificate of insurance form or withdraw approval of a certificate of insurance form under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 463**Delegate Rudolph****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS**

Prohibiting a person from preparing or issuing or requiring the preparation or issuance of a certificate of insurance unless the certificate of insurance form has been filed with and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; providing an exception; prohibiting a person from altering or modifying an approved certificate of insurance; requiring the Commissioner to disapprove a certificate of insurance form or withdraw approval of a certificate of insurance form under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 314**Senator Pugh, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – TRAUMATIC EVENTS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES**

Requiring a unit of the Executive Branch of State government to obtain mental health support services for specified individuals affected by a traumatic event that occurs in a State facility of a unit and results in the death of an individual; requiring specified mental health support services to be provided to an employee within 48 hours after the traumatic event occurs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1193**Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – TRAUMATIC EVENTS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES**

Requiring a unit of the Executive Branch of State government to obtain mental health support services for specified individuals affected by a traumatic event that occurs in a State facility of a unit and results in the death of an individual; requiring specified mental health support services to be provided to an employee within 48 hours after the traumatic event occurs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 332 Senator Edwards**FAMILY SECURITY TRUST FUND – REQUIREMENT TO TRANSFER INTEREST TO THE GENERAL FUND – EXEMPTION**

Exempting the Family Security Trust Fund, under specified circumstances, from a requirement that specified interest accrue to the General Fund; and requiring the State Treasurer, under specified circumstances, to pay investment earnings into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 71 Delegate Morhaim**FAMILY SECURITY TRUST FUND – REQUIREMENT TO TRANSFER INTEREST TO THE GENERAL FUND – EXEMPTION**

Exempting the Family Security Trust Fund, under specified circumstances, from a requirement that specified interest accrue to the General Fund; and requiring the State Treasurer, under specified circumstances, to pay investment earnings into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 335 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – CONTRIBUTION RATES AND VESTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the rate of member contributions for members of the Judges' Retirement System; requiring individuals who become members of the Judges' Retirement System on or after a specified date to earn a specified amount of eligibility service before becoming eligible to receive specified retirement allowances; altering the calculation of a normal service retirement allowance for specified members in the Judges' Retirement System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 337**Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, MEDICATION TECHNICIANS, AND ELECTROLOGISTS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting individuals who provide gratuitous care for specified individuals from the requirement that an individual must be licensed or certified before practicing specified health occupations; exempting individuals who respond to a disaster situation in the State from the requirement that an individual must be licensed before practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to grant specified licenses by endorsement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 238**Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – NURSES, NURSING ASSISTANTS, MEDICATION TECHNICIANS, AND ELECTROLOGISTS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting individuals who provide gratuitous care for specified individuals from the requirement that an individual must be licensed or certified before practicing specified health occupations; exempting individuals who respond to a disaster situation in the State from the requirement that an individual must be licensed before practicing registered nursing or licensed practical nursing under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue specified licenses by endorsement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 343 **Senator Pugh, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – APPLICATION**

Making additional State units that are responsible for the management of specified funds subject to requirements under current law concerning the use of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firms, as specified; specifying that an annual report that must be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by all of the units that are subject to the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firm requirements include diversity information, as specified; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 277 **Delegate Walker, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES – APPLICATION**

Making additional State units that are responsible for the management of specified funds subject to requirements under current law concerning the use of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firms, as specified; specifying that an annual report that must be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly by all of the units that are subject to the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment services firm requirements include diversity information, as specified; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 346 **Senators Glassman and Jacobs****HARFORD COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE
PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person in Harford County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 352**Senator Forehand, et al****NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER
HOTLINE INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a specified manner a specified sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information; requiring an agency that determines a violation has occurred to provide a notice to the business owner of a bus station or truck stop or the business owner's agent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 607**Delegate Hucker, et al****NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER
HOTLINE INFORMATION – SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a specified manner a specified sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information; requiring an agency that determines a violation has occurred to provide a notice to the business owner of a bus station or truck stop or the business owner's agent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 354**Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES**

Establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in specified wards and precincts of specified legislative districts of Baltimore City to allow holders of Class A beer, wine and liquor licenses to hold tastings daily throughout the year; establishing a \$750 annual license fee; and authorizing a Class B–D–7 license to be transferred from a specified location to another location in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 362 Senator Pugh, et al**EDUCATION – AGE FOR COMPULSORY PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering from 16 to 17 the maximum age at which children are required to attend a public school regularly during the entire school year, subject to specified exceptions; requiring specified children to return to attendance at school under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to complete specified tasks on or before specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 364 Senator Ferguson**LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY GRASMICK TEACHER SCHOLARS**

Establishing the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award in the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Office to assist in the repayment of specified loans owed by specified public school teachers in the State who teach specified subjects or teach in specified schools in Maryland for a specified period of time; providing that a recipient of the Award shall be known as a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar; etc.

CONTINGENT

HB 613 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NANCY GRASMICK TEACHER SCHOLARS**

Establishing the Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award in the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to assist in the repayment of the amount of any higher education loan owed by specified public school teachers in the State who teach specified subjects or teach in specified schools in Maryland for a specified amount of time; providing that a recipient of a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award shall be known as a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Scholar; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 390 **Caroline County Senators****CAROLINE COUNTY – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person in Caroline County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 405 **Senator Pugh, et al****LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD – PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP**

Establishing the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in the Department of Business and Economic Development; and altering the membership of the Advisory Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 141 **Delegate Feldman****LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD – PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP**

Establishing that the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in the Department of Business and Economic Development is to recommend State and federal policies, priorities, practices, and legislation to expedite the creation of private sector jobs through the commercialization of life sciences research; and altering the membership of the Advisory Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 415 **Senator Montgomery, et al****HANDLING HUMAN REMAINS WITH DIGNITY ACT OF 2012**

Requiring a funeral establishment or crematory, on taking custody of the body of a decedent in accordance with all authorizations required by law, to maintain the body in a specified manner; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to maintain the body of a decedent with refrigeration and at a specified temperature under specified circumstances; prohibiting the body of a decedent from being embalmed or artificially preserved except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 540 Delegate Reznik (By Request – State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors), et al

HANDLING HUMAN REMAINS WITH DIGNITY ACT OF 2012

Requiring a funeral establishment or crematory, on taking custody of the body of a decedent in accordance with all authorizations required by law, to maintain the body in a specified manner; requiring a funeral establishment or crematory to maintain the body of a decedent with refrigeration and at a specified temperature under specified circumstances; prohibiting the body of a decedent from being embalmed or artificially preserved except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 421 Senator Mathias

PUBLIC SAFETY – EXPLOSIVES – PACKAGE OF COMPONENTS

Altering the definition of “explosives” to include two or more components that are advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components to create a specified explosive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 875 Delegate Conway, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – EXPLOSIVES – PACKAGE OF COMPONENTS

Altering the definition of “explosives” to include two or more components that are advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components to create a specified explosive.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 422 Senators Frosh and Colburn

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS – CITATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Declaring the intention of the General Assembly to monitor specified issues and determine whether modification of the Act is required at a specified time; authorizing an individual to file an application for a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; authorizing the District Court commissioner to issue a summons or an arrest warrant under specified circumstances; requiring a police officer to charge a person by citation for specified misdemeanors and local ordinance violations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 261**Delegate Vallario, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS – CITATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

Declaring the intention of the General Assembly to monitor issues and determine whether modification of a specified Act is required; authorizing an individual to file an application for a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; authorizing a District Court commissioner to issue a summons or an arrest warrant under specified circumstances; requiring a police officer to charge a person by citation for specified misdemeanors and local ordinance violations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 431**Senator Young, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS – REVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “on duty” in the workers’ compensation law to include the performance of specified duties assigned to deputy sheriffs or members of a specified fire police unit; altering the definition of “volunteer company” to include a volunteer fire police unit; specifying that a covered member of a volunteer company may not be considered a paid covered employee of the company for receiving as a membership benefit a yearly stipend of \$5,200 or less to help offset out-of-pocket expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1085**Delegate Schulz, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EMERGENCY RESPONDERS – REVISIONS**

Altering the definition of “on duty” in the workers’ compensation law to include the performance of specified duties assigned to deputy sheriffs or members of a specified fire police unit; altering the definition of “volunteer company” to include a volunteer fire police unit; specifying that a covered member of a volunteer company may not be considered a paid covered employee of the company for receiving as a membership benefit a yearly stipend of \$5,200 or less to help offset out-of-pocket expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 439 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CITATIONS
ISSUED BY INSPECTORS**

Removing Frederick County from the list of counties whose alcoholic beverages inspectors are prohibited from carrying a weapon when issuing a citation for specified violations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 452 Senator Middleton, et al**OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS – RESTRICTIONS ON SALE,
DISTRIBUTION, AND SHIPMENT – EXEMPTIONS**

Specifying that provisions of law relating to the regulation of other tobacco products do not apply to a seller located outside the State when selling, holding for sale, shipping, or delivering specified cigars or pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; providing that specified provisions of law regulating the sale and distribution of other tobacco products do not apply to the order, purchase, sale, or shipment of specified cigars or pipe tobacco by a licensed other tobacco products retailer or licensed tobacconist; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 570 Delegate Davis, et al**OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS – RESTRICTIONS ON SALE,
DISTRIBUTION, AND SHIPMENT – EXEMPTIONS**

Specifying that provisions of law relating to the regulation of other tobacco products do not apply to a seller located outside the State when selling, holding for sale, shipping, or delivering specified cigars or pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; requiring the Comptroller to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2012, on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 455**Senator Middleton, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS – STATUS**

Repealing provisions of law that designate specified positions and employees as special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Correctional Enterprises to hire specified individuals consistent with specified policies and procedures as of July 1, 2012; establishing that specified special appointment positions in the Maryland Correctional Enterprises are managerial, supervisory, and confidential positions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 526**Delegate Clagett, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS – STATUS**

Repealing provisions of law that designate specified positions and employees as special appointments in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or the Maryland Correctional Enterprises to hire specified individuals consistent with specified policies and procedures as of July 1, 2012; establishing that specified special appointment positions in the Maryland Correctional Enterprises are managerial, supervisory, and confidential positions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 456**Senator Middleton****HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM RATE REVIEW**

Prohibiting a carrier that issues or delivers a health benefit plan in the State from charging a premium or changing a premium before the applicable premium rate or premium rate change is filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner; requiring any applicable premium rate or premium rate change to be filed with the Commissioner in accordance with specified provisions of law and regulations applicable to specified carriers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 465 Delegate Hammen**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN PREMIUM RATE REVIEW**

Prohibiting a carrier that issues or delivers a health benefit plan in the State from charging a premium or changing a premium before the applicable premium rate or premium rate change is filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner; requiring any applicable premium rate or premium rate change to be filed with the Commissioner in accordance with specified provisions of law and regulations applicable to specified carriers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 463 Chair, Anne Arundel County Senators**LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS – EXCLUSION FROM INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self-insurance purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 174 Delegate George**LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF-INSURANCE FUNDS – INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

Altering the definition of “public funds”, as it relates to local government investment guidelines, to exclude funds held by specified local governments for self-insurance purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 474 Senator Pinsky**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the requirements that must be met to qualify as a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug; prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from placing a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug on inactive status; prohibiting the Board from reinstating the certificate of a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 348**Delegate Hubbard****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR–ALCOHOL AND DRUG – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the requirements that must be met to qualify as a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug; prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from placing a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug on inactive status; prohibiting the Board from reinstating the certificate of a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 476**Senator Klausmeier, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 515**Delegate Stein, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND CAPABILITY COMMISSION**

Establishing the Financial Education and Capability Commission; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to meet at least two times each year; requiring the Commission to monitor the implementation of specified public and private initiatives and make recommendations on the coordination of financial education and capability efforts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 477 Senator Klausmeier, et al**JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

Altering the termination provisions of a specified job creation tax credit earned by a qualified business entity under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1107 Delegate Olszewski, et al**JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

Altering the termination provisions of a specified job creation tax credit earned by a qualified business entity under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 485 Senator Kelley, et al**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – REGULATION**

Requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, before January 1, 2023, equal 15% of specified expenses of a facility; requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, beginning on January 1, 2023, equal 25% of specified expenses of a facility; beginning January 1, 2014, providing for the manner in which specified requirements relating to assets held by providers shall be met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 556 Delegate Hubbard, et al**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – REGULATION**

Requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, before January 1, 2023, equal 15% of specified expenses of a facility; requiring specified providers to set aside operating reserves that, beginning on January 1, 2023, equal 25% of specified expenses of a facility; beginning January 1, 2014, providing for the manner in which specified requirements relating to assets held by providers shall be met; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 496**Senators Gladden and Middleton****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – UNEXECUTED WARRANT, SUMMONS, OR OTHER CRIMINAL PROCESS – INVALIDATION AND DESTRUCTION**

Authorizing a law enforcement agency to make a specified request to a State's Attorney to have a specified unexecuted warrant, summons, or other criminal process invalidated and destroyed under specified circumstances; authorizing the State's Attorney to petition a specified administrative judge for the invalidation and destruction of a specified unexecuted warrant, summons, or other criminal process; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 497**Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al****EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – PAROLE AND PROBATION EMPLOYEES**

Exempting specified individuals who are retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System from specified earnings offsets under specified circumstances if the individuals are reemployed as parole and probation employees; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a specified report on specified retirees on or before September 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 630**Delegate Haynes, et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – PAROLE AND PROBATION EMPLOYEES**

Exempting specified individuals who are retirees of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System from specified earnings offsets under specified circumstances if the individuals are reemployed as parole and probation employees; requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a specified report on specified retirees on or before September 1 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 507 Senator Kelley, et al**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – INTEREST PAYABLE ON
ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS**

Altering the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; requiring the interest rate to be adjusted under specified circumstances; altering the interest rate payable by banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 533 Delegate Feldman, et al**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – INTEREST PAYABLE ON
ESCROW ACCOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS**

Altering the interest rate payable by specified lending institutions on escrow accounts created in connection with loans secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on residential real property; requiring the interest rate to be adjusted under specified circumstances; altering the interest rate payable by banking institutions on interest bearing accounts instituted for a specific purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 524 Senator King, et al**MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITY
FUND PROGRAM**

Transferring the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program from the State Department of Education to the Governor's Office for Children; altering the name of the Program; limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit organizations and establishing specified parameters for awarding grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 886**Delegate Ivey, et al****MARYLAND AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM**

Transferring the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program from the State Department of Education to the Governor's Office for Children; altering the name of the Program; limiting grant eligibility to nonprofit organizations; establishing parameters for awarding grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 534**Senator Pugh, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE – REPEAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSEES**

Repealing, as to Baltimore City, the requirement that an authorized person of a limited liability company who holds an alcoholic beverages license that was granted on or before June 1, 2012, be a registered voter in the City.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 232**Delegate Tarrant, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE – REPEAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSEES**

Repealing, as to Baltimore City, the requirement that an authorized person of a limited liability company who holds an alcoholic beverages license that was granted on or before June 1, 2012, be a registered voter in the City.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 540 Senator Astle, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION –
PREAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES –
BENCHMARKS**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to work with payors and providers to attain benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services; requiring the benchmarks to include, on or before specified dates, establishment or utilization of specified features; providing that the benchmarks do not apply to specified preauthorizations; requiring the Commission to establish by regulation a process through which a payor or provider may be waived from attaining benchmarks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 470 Delegate Tarrant, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION –
PREAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES –
BENCHMARKS**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to work with payors and providers to attain benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services; requiring the benchmarks to include, on or before specified dates, establishment or utilization of specified features; providing that the benchmarks do not apply to specified preauthorizations; requiring the Commission to establish by regulation a process through which a payor or provider may be waived from attaining benchmarks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 542 Senator Jones–Rodwell**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – AUTHORIZED
PARTICIPANTS**

Expanding the list of participants that may place specified funds in the Local Government Investment Pool to include specified units of State Government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 575 Delegate Gutierrez, et al**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL – AUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS**

Expanding the list of participants that may place specified funds in the Local Government Investment Pool to include specified units of State government or specified entities created by the State in addition to specified local governmental entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 549 Senator Montgomery, et al**SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REVISION**

Altering the definition of “small business” under the Small Business Reserve Program; including small businesses that meet either the limitation on employees employed by the business or the limitation on gross sales of the business under the Small Business Reserve Program; requiring the Department of General Services, in consultation with specified others, to study and evaluate the Small Business Reserve Program and report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 456 Delegate Reznik, et al**SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REVISION**

Altering the definition of “small business” under the Small Business Reserve Program; including small businesses that meet either the limitation on employees employed by the business or the limitation on gross sales of the business under the Small Business Reserve Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 571 Senator Montgomery, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY**

Creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before December 1, 2012, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 390 Delegate Luedtke, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY**

Creating the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before December 1, 2012, its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 579 Senator Glassman, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FARM BREWERY MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE**

Creating a Class 8 farm brewery manufacturer's license; specifying an annual fee for the license; authorizing a licensee to sell and deliver beer manufactured in a facility on the licensed farm or in another facility to specified persons; requiring that the beer be manufactured in a specified manner; specifying the privileges that may be exercised by a licensee, including providing samples of beer, selling foods, storing beer, and brewing and bottling beer; authorizing a licensee to sponsor special activities; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1126**Delegate Schulz, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FARM BREWERY
MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE**

Creating a Class 8 farm brewery manufacturer's license; specifying an annual fee; authorizing a licensee to sell and deliver beer manufactured in a facility on the licensed farm or in another facility to specified persons; requiring that the beer be manufactured in a specified manner; specifying the privileges of a licensee, including providing samples, selling foods, storing beer, and brewing and bottling beer; prohibiting a licensee from selling or allowing to be consumed specified beverages; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 580**Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE
FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to acquiring, constructing, substantially improving, or refinancing a principal residence; providing that the subtraction does not apply to more than a specified amount for specified individuals; providing for an addition modification to the State income tax under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 600**Delegate Zucker, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MORTGAGE
FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for income from the discharge of indebtedness related to acquiring, constructing, substantially improving, or refinancing a principal residence; providing that the subtraction does not apply to more than a specified amount for specified individuals; providing for an addition modification to the State income tax under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 591**Senator Stone****REAL PROPERTY – MANUFACTURED HOMES – AFFIXATION TO AND SEVERANCE FROM REAL PROPERTY**

Providing for the affixation of a manufactured home to real property under specified circumstances; requiring an affidavit of affixation to contain or be accompanied by specified information, documentation, and statements; providing that an affidavit of affixation is not necessary to convey or encumber a manufactured home; requiring the owner of a manufactured home that is to be severed from real property to file, under specified circumstances, an affidavit of severance containing specified information and statements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 678**Delegates Niemann and McMillan****REAL PROPERTY – MANUFACTURED HOMES – AFFIXATION TO AND SEVERANCE FROM REAL PROPERTY**

Providing for the affixation of a manufactured home to real property under specified circumstances; requiring an affidavit of affixation to contain or be accompanied by specified information, documentation, and statements; providing that an affidavit of affixation is not necessary to convey or encumber a manufactured home; requiring the owner of a manufactured home that is to be severed from real property to file, under specified circumstances, an affidavit of severance containing specified information and statements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 597**Senator McFadden****ELECTIONS – BALTIMORE CITY – ELECTION DATES**

Altering the dates of specified elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; and specifying the term of municipal officers in Baltimore City who are elected in a specified year.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 250**Delegate Oaks, et al****ELECTIONS – BALTIMORE CITY – ELECTION DATES**

Altering the dates of specified elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; specifying the term of municipal officers in Baltimore City who were elected in a specified year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 605**Senator Kelley****EDUCATION – DOMICILE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE
– EXCEPTION**

Requiring a county superintendent to allow a child to remain at a specified school under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Juvenile Services each to adopt regulations establishing factors relating to the best interests of specified children; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations to implement specified provisions of a specified federal law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 757**Delegates Luedtke and Wilson****EDUCATION – DOMICILE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE
– EXCEPTION**

Requiring a county superintendent to allow a child to remain at a school under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Juvenile Services each to adopt specified regulations establishing factors relating to the best interests of specified children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 621**Senator Shank, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EPINEPHRINE AVAILABILITY AND USE –
POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to authorize specified school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to specified students under specified circumstances; requiring that the policy include specified information; requiring specified public schools to submit a specified report to the State Department of Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 497 Delegate Myers, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EPINEPHRINE AVAILABILITY AND USE –
POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to authorize specified school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to specified students under specified circumstances; requiring that the policy include specified information; requiring specified public schools to submit a report to the State Department of Education; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 647 Senator Ramirez, et al**DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES – REPORTING**

Requiring the court, on request of the State's Attorney, to make a specified finding as to whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime; requiring the State to bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime; requiring a finding by the court that a crime is a domestically related crime to become part of the court record for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1146 Delegate Dumais, et al**DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES – REPORTING**

Requiring the court, on request of the State's Attorney, to make a specified finding as to whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime; requiring the State to bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the crime is a domestically related crime; requiring a finding by the court that a crime is a domestically related crime to become part of the court record for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 652**Senator Middleton, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING**

Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit; specifying the methods by which the Commission shall determine the energy savings of geothermal systems; providing that energy generated from a geothermal Tier 1 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if it is connected to a distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1186**Delegate Jameson, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING**

Specifying that energy generated from a geothermal heating and cooling system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; entitling a specified person or entity to receive a renewable energy credit; specifying the methods by which the Commission shall determine energy savings of geothermal systems; providing that energy generated from a geothermal Tier 1 renewable source is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if it is connected to a distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 654**Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES**

Altering minimum percentages of average daily receipts from the sale of food that Baltimore County restaurants must maintain for a specified purpose; authorizing the Baltimore County Board of Liquor License Commissioners to approve the transfer of specified licenses in existence in a specified election district on a specified date to specified election districts based on a specified rule; establishing limits on the number of licenses that may be transferred into a single election district during specified periods; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 659 Senator Pinsky, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – DISCLOSURE – LOCATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES**

Requiring, under specified circumstances, a bidder to disclose specified information regarding whether services required under a procurement contract will be performed outside the United States; prohibiting a public employer from knowingly contracting for specified services unless the services are to be provided in the United States, except under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 865 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – DISCLOSURE – LOCATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES**

Requiring, under specified circumstances, a bidder to disclose specified information regarding whether services required under a procurement contract will be performed outside the United States; prohibiting a public employer from knowingly contracting for specified services unless the services are to be provided in the United States, except under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 672 Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – SALARY SETTING**

Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the qualifications and compensation for the deputy chief investment officer and managing director in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from setting or increasing the salaries of specified employees above a specified amount; prohibiting the Board of Trustees from granting bonuses under specified authority; requiring the State Retirement Agency to submit a report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

- HB 806** **Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT
DIVISION – SALARY SETTING
Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and
Pension System to determine the qualifications and compensation for
the deputy chief investment officer and managing director in the
Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; prohibiting the
Board of Trustees from setting or increasing the salaries of specified
employees above a specified amount; prohibiting the Board of
Trustees from granting bonuses under specified authority; requiring
the State Retirement Agency to submit a report; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
- SB 678** **Senator Forehand**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL
CHARGE TRANSFERRED TO JUVENILE COURT
Altering provisions relating to the expungement of specified criminal
records by authorizing a person to file, and requiring a court to
grant, a petition for expungement of a criminal charge transferred to
the juvenile court under specified circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012
- SB 691** **Senator Shank, et al**
EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF
2012
Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
to establish a program to implement earned compliance credits,
which create a specified reduction in a specified period of active
supervision for specified individuals, and to develop policies and
procedures for the implementation of a program to implement earned
compliance credits; authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission or
the court to adjust a period of supervision for a specified individual
placed on probation; etc.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 670**Delegate Hough, et al****EARNED COMPLIANCE CREDIT AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2012**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to establish a program to implement earned compliance credits, which create a specified reduction in a specified period of active supervision for specified individuals, and to develop policies and procedures for the implementation of a program to implement earned compliance credits; authorizing the Maryland Parole Commission or the court to adjust a period of supervision for a specified individual placed on probation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 708**Senator Montgomery****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES – WRITTEN POLICIES**

Requiring a county board of education to adopt, on or before July 1, 2013, specified written policies relating to the procurement of green product cleaning supplies for use in its schools, subject to specified exceptions; and requiring a county board, on or before June 30 each year, to provide notice to the State Department of Education if it does not procure green product cleaning supplies for use in the schools because doing so is not practicable or economically feasible.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1019**Delegate Murphy, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES – WRITTEN POLICIES**

Requiring a county board of education to adopt, on or before July 1, 2013, specified written policies relating to the procurement of green product cleaning supplies subject to specified exceptions; and requiring a county board, on or before June 30 each year, to provide written notice to the State Department of Education if it does not procure green product cleaning supplies for use in the schools because doing so is not practicable or economically feasible.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 739**Senator Madaleno, et al****TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT**

Establishing a legislative review and evaluation process for specified tax credits allowed against specified taxes; establishing dates for review and other legislative action with regard to specified tax credits; providing for the repeal of specified and obsolete tax credits; providing for a specified construction of the repeal of tax credits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 764**Delegate Frick, et al****TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT**

Establishing a legislative review and evaluation process for specified tax credits allowed against specified taxes; establishing dates for review and other legislative action with regard to specified tax credits; providing for the repeal of specified and obsolete tax credits; providing for a specified construction of the repeal of the tax credits; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 745**Senator Middleton, et al****INJURED WORKERS' INSURANCE FUND – CONVERSION TO CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY**

Providing that the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund be converted into a statutorily created, private, nonprofit, and nonstock workers' compensation insurer to be named the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company; requiring the Company to be authorized, examined, and regulated by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner in a specified manner; requiring the Fund to begin paying a specified amount to the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Fund on or before July 1, 2013; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 746**Senator Middleton****COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES – UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND – SURCHARGE**

Expanding the services that are subject to the Universal Service Trust Fund surcharge; requiring the surcharge to be applied to specified bills and to be payable at a specified time; altering the maximum amount of a specified surcharge; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to direct specified companies to add the surcharge to bills for services under specified circumstances; requiring specified companies to act as collection agents for the Fund and to remit proceeds to the Comptroller for deposit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

HB 1087**Delegates Hixson and Davis****COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES – UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND – SURCHARGE**

Expanding the services that are subject to the Universal Service Trust Fund surcharge; requiring the surcharge to be applied to specified bills and to be payable at a specified time; altering the maximum amount of a specified surcharge; requiring the Secretary of Information Technology to direct specified companies to add the surcharge to bills for services under specified circumstances; requiring specified companies to act as collection agents for the Fund and to remit proceeds to the Comptroller for deposit in the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 765**Senators Mathias and Middleton****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – STUDY ON TENANT PAYMENT OF LANDLORD UTILITY BILLS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on developing a mechanism to allow specified tenants to pay for utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults on the responsibility; requiring the Public Service Commission to report findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1269**Delegate Barnes, et al****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – STUDY ON TENANT
PAYMENT OF LANDLORD UTILITY BILLS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on developing a mechanism to allow specified tenants to pay for utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults on the responsibility; requiring the Public Service Commission to report findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2012; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 778**Senator Pugh****COMMERCIAL LAW – RENTAL–PURCHASE AGREEMENTS –
DISCLOSURES**

Requiring a specified lessor to maintain specified records for a specified period of time; requiring a lessor to provide a written receipt and a written statement to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring that a written receipt contain specified information; prohibiting a lessor from bringing a specified court action unless a specified notice is given to the consumer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 997**Delegate Washington, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – RENTAL–PURCHASE AGREEMENTS –
DISCLOSURES**

Requiring a specified lessor to maintain specified records for a specified period of time; requiring a lessor to provide a written receipt and a written statement to a consumer under specified circumstances; requiring that a written receipt contain specified information; prohibiting a lessor from bringing a specified court action unless a specified notice is given to the consumer; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 779**Senator Pugh, et al****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – STUDY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and all funds managed by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the capacity to select minority fund managers across all asset classes and to determine methods that best assure the recruitment and selection of minority companies for fund-to-fund management or direct management by the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 916**Delegate Braveboy****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – STUDY OF ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and all funds managed by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to determine the capacity to select minority fund managers across all asset classes and to determine methods that best assure the recruitment and selection of minority companies for fund-to-fund management or direct management by the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 781**Senator Pugh, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SERVICES DELIVERED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for health care services delivered through telemedicine in a specified manner; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding a health care service from coverage solely because it is delivered by telemedicine and not in another manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1149**Delegate Lee, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR SERVICES
DELIVERED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for health care services delivered through telemedicine in a specified manner; prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding a health care service from coverage solely because it is delivered by telemedicine and not in another manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 783**Senator Pugh, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
APPLICABILITY**

Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 537**Delegate Jones, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –
APPLICABILITY**

Providing specified collective bargaining rights to specified State employees; specifying the responsibilities of the State Labor Relations Board in administering and enforcing specified provisions of law relating to the collective bargaining rights of specified employees; and requiring the State Labor Relations Board, at the request of a specified exclusive representative, to determine bargaining units for specified employees, accrete specified State employees into bargaining units, and hold a specified election.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 791**Senator Garagiola****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY AND SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS**

Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1187**Delegate Jameson, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY AND SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS**

Altering the percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; authorizing the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to approve an equivalent certification for measurement for energy generated by specified solar water heating systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 792**Senator Garagiola, et al****LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES – LEND LOCAL ACT OF 2012**

Establishing a Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses in the Department of Housing and Community Development for a specified purpose; providing that specified loans qualify under the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to confirm with the Department of General Services that specified loans are made to specified businesses; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish procedures for a specified notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 571**Delegate Frick, et al****LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES –
LEND LOCAL ACT OF 2012**

Establishing a Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses in the Department of Housing and Community Development for a specified purpose; providing that specified loans qualify under the Program; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to confirm with the Department of General Services that specified loans are made to specified businesses; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish procedures for a specified notification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 807**Senator Madaleno, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LAND
ACQUISITION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the amount of gain resulting from a payment made by the Maryland Department of Transportation for the acquisition of a portion of an individual's property on which the individual's principal residence is located; limiting the subtraction to a specified amount; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 811**Senator Astle, et al****INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – FINES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Requiring the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration to investigate allegations and to impose penalties under specified circumstances; providing that a fine imposed for specified insurance fraud violations is mandatory and not subject to suspension; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to impose an administrative penalty for specified insurance fraud violations and to order restitution to specified insurers or self-insured employers of specified proceeds paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1094 Delegate Rudolph**INSURANCE – FRAUD VIOLATIONS – FINES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Requiring the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration to investigate allegations and to impose penalties under specified circumstances; providing that a fine imposed for specified insurance fraud violations is mandatory and not subject to suspension; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to impose an administrative penalty for specified insurance fraud violations and to order restitution to specified insurers or self-insured employers of specified proceeds paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 812 Senator Astle**INSURANCE – SUSPECTED FRAUD – LIABILITY FOR REPORTING OR FOR FURNISHING OR RECEIVING INFORMATION**

Altering the list of persons to whom a person may report suspected insurance fraud and not be subject to civil liability; and providing that a person is not subject to civil liability for furnishing or receiving information related to suspected, anticipated, or completed fraudulent insurance acts under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1097 Delegate Rudolph**INSURANCE – SUSPECTED FRAUD – LIABILITY FOR REPORTING OR FOR FURNISHING OR RECEIVING INFORMATION**

Altering the list of persons to whom a person may report suspected insurance fraud and not be subject to civil liability; and providing that a person is not subject to civil liability for furnishing or receiving information related to suspected, anticipated, or completed fraudulent insurance acts under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 820**Senator Pipkin, et al****TRANSPORTATION – TOLL, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE INCREASES – REQUIRED PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to provide an opportunity for public review and comment on a proposal to increase tolls, fees, mileage rate ranges, pricing periods, toll zones, or other charges on any part of specified transportation facilities projects in a specified manner before the Authority adopts the proposal; requiring the authority to provide to the public specified information and studies in a specified manner; requiring the Authority to provide the public with an opportunity for written comments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 841**Senator Pinsky****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSES – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

Requiring specified limited licensees to pass a specified examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to issue a specified license; clarifying that the Board or its designee will give a specified examination; altering specified examination requirements that specified dentists licensed in specified states are required to satisfy to be granted a specified license in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 754**Delegate Kach****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – LICENSES – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

Requiring specified limited licensees to pass a specified examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners is authorized to issue a specified license; clarifying that the Board or its designee will give a specified examination; altering specified examination requirements that specified dentists licensed in specified states are required to satisfy to be granted a specified license in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 843 **Senator Pinsky, et al****INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – FULLY
ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education that enroll Maryland students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first Maryland student; prohibiting specified institutions from operating in the State; subjecting an institution to a fine if it fails to register with the Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1223 **Delegate Guzzone****INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION – FULLY
ONLINE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring institutions of postsecondary education that enroll Maryland students in fully online distance education programs in the State to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission before commencing or continuing to operate, doing business, or functioning in the State within 6 months of enrolling the first Maryland student under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified institutions from operating in the State; providing for an exception from the requirement for registration; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 852 **Senator King, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CALCULATION OF TAX**

Altering the sales and use tax rate for a mandatory gratuity charge or service charge in the nature of a tip under specified circumstances; modifying the calculation of the sales and use tax rate applicable to charges for labor, materials, or property used in connection with the sale of an alcoholic beverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 918**Delegate Hixson, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CALCULATION OF TAX**

Altering the sales and use tax rate for a mandatory gratuity charge or service charge in the nature of a tip under specified circumstances; modifying the calculation of the sales and use tax rate applicable to charges for labor, materials, or property used in connection with the sale of an alcoholic beverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 855**Senator Raskin****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY
ACT – REVISIONS**

Establishing that specified statutory provisions relating to limited liability companies apply unless otherwise agreed on in the limited liability company's articles of organization, in the operating agreement, or by unanimous consent; repealing the requirement that the purposes for which a limited liability company is formed be stated in the articles of organization; altering the requirements for a resident agent; repealing provisions relating to a member's authority regarding abandoning the business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 777**Delegate Feldman****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – LIMITED LIABILITY
ACT – REVISIONS**

Establishing that certain statutory provisions relating to limited liability companies apply unless otherwise agreed on in the limited liability company's articles of organization, in the operating agreement, or by unanimous consent; repealing the requirement that the purposes for which a limited liability company is formed be stated in the articles of organization; altering the requirements for a resident agent; repealing provisions relating to a member's authority regarding abandoning the business; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 861**Senator Klausmeier****PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE**

Repealing a specified limitation on the authority of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance; altering the circumstances under which a vendor that collects premiums for portable electronics insurance need not keep the premiums in a segregated account; providing an exception to a specified requirement to itemize premiums and charges; altering information that must be submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012**HB 1093****Delegates Love and Jameson****PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE**

Repealing a limitation on the authority of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to sell coverage under a policy of portable electronics insurance; altering the circumstances under which a vendor that collects premiums for portable electronics insurance need not keep the premiums in a segregated account; providing an exception to a specified requirement to itemize premiums and charges; altering information that must be submitted to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012**SB 864****Senator DeGrange****GAMING – ELECTRONIC MACHINES – REGULATION**

Authorizing the operation of instant bingo games using electronic machines; altering the definition of “slot machine”; clarifying that a specified handheld device is not considered a slot machine; specifying that provisions of law do not apply to paper tip jar gaming where authorized; authorizing the State Lottery Commission to make determinations regarding gaming devices and requiring the Commission to issue specified regulations; altering the purpose of the Special Fund for Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 867**Senator Conway, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate specified oral health education, develop a process to monitor specified implementation of oral health education, and submit a summary to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015 and every 5 years thereafter; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage specified county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the boards' health education curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1401**Delegate Oaks, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to support and facilitate specified oral health education, develop a process to monitor specified implementation of oral health education, and submit a summary to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015 and every 5 years thereafter; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage specified county boards of education to incorporate specified lessons into the boards' health education curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 869**Senator Conway****MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – HOTELS – MANDATORY MASTER CONTROL DEVICE**

Requiring that guest rooms in newly constructed hotels be equipped with a device that turns off light fixtures after a specified period of time; authorizing the required device to control heating, ventilation, or air conditioning default settings; requiring the Department to adopt specified provisions as a part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 940 Delegate Stein, et al**MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS –
HOTELS – MANDATORY MASTER CONTROL DEVICE**

Requiring that guest rooms in newly constructed hotels be equipped with a device that turns off lighting fixtures after a specified period of time; authorizing the required device to control heating, ventilation, or air conditioning default settings; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt specified provisions as a part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 880 Senator Jones–Rodwell**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF
MEMBERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS**

Providing that if an individual who was a member of one of the several systems in the State Retirement and Pension System on June 30, 2011, becomes a member of another one of the several systems on or after July 1, 2011, the individual shall be considered a new member of the subsequent system as of the date the individual joins the system, and is subject to the same requirements to which an individual who was a member of the subsequent system on June 30, 2011, and remains a member on July 1, 2011, is subject; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 801 Delegate Griffith, et al**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF
MEMBERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS**

Providing that if an individual who was a member of one of the several systems in the State Retirement and Pension System on June 30, 2011, becomes a member of another one of the several systems on or after July 1, 2011, the individual shall be considered to be a new member of the subsequent system as of the date the individual joins the system, and is subject to the same requirements to which an individual who was a member of the subsequent system on June 30, 2011, and remains a member on July 1, 2011, is subject; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 885**Senator Peters****PAROLE AND PROBATION – EMPLOYEE CASELOADS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to consider a specified caseload for parole and probation employees when considering employee disciplinary actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1121**Delegate Guzzone, et al****PAROLE AND PROBATION – EMPLOYEE CASELOADS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Requiring the Division of Parole and Probation to consider a specified caseload for parole and probation employees when considering employee disciplinary actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 894**Senator Jones–Rodwell****BALTIMORE CITY – REPRESENTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES**

Requiring that, if the Office of the Attorney General appoints specified individuals who were employees of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City who were providing specified services for the Child Support Enforcement Administration during a specified period, and continue providing specified services on or after a specified date, the employees shall be placed in specified positions in the State Personnel Management System and receive specified rights, service credit, leave, and other rights; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1261 **Baltimore City Delegation, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – REPRESENTATION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES**

Requiring that, if the Office of the Attorney General appoints specified individuals who were employees of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City who were providing specified services for the Child Support Enforcement Administration during a specified period and continue providing specified services on or after a specified date, the employees shall be placed in specified positions in the State Personnel Management System and receive specified rights, credit, leave, and specified other rights; providing exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 895 **Senator Conway****MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – PERMITS AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS**

Requiring that a mortuary transport service be issued a permit by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors before removing or transporting human remains; establishing fees and requirements for obtaining a permit; requiring permit holders to use vehicles that have passed a specified inspection; requiring permit holders to employ only specified registered transporters; requiring that individuals employed by specified permit holders be registered with the Board before removing and transporting human remains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 753**Delegate Kach****MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – PERMITS AND REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO REMOVE AND TRANSPORT HUMAN REMAINS**

Requiring that a mortuary transport service be issued a permit by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors before removing or transporting human remains; establishing fees and requirements for obtaining a permit; requiring permit holders to use vehicles that have passed a specified inspection; requiring permit holders to employ only specified registered transporters; requiring that individuals employed by specified permit holders be registered with the Board before removing and transporting human remains; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 899**Senator Gladden, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – EMERGENCY SUSPENSION RESCINDED**

Providing that a State correctional officer who receives an emergency suspension without pay after being charged with a felony and who is not convicted of the felony shall have the emergency suspension rescinded and any lost time, compensation, status, and benefits restored; and providing that the Act does not apply to a State correctional officer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 930**Delegate Proctor, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER – EMERGENCY SUSPENSION RESCINDED**

Providing that a State correctional officer who receives an emergency suspension without pay after being charged with a felony and who is not convicted of the felony shall have the emergency suspension rescinded and any lost time, compensation, status, and benefits restored; and providing that the Act does not apply to a State correctional officer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 901**Senator Klausmeier****CREDIT REGULATION – RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES AND
CLOSED END CREDIT – DEBT CANCELLATION AGREEMENTS
– DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “debt cancellation agreement”, for purposes of specified provisions of law governing retail installment sales and closed end credit, to include, under specified circumstances, an agreement under which the outstanding balance of a loan is reduced by the actual cash value of a motor vehicle or of specified collateral at the time of loss; altering the definitions of “outstanding balance” and “remaining loan balance” to exclude deferred payments and a specified portion of any financed taxes and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1027**Delegates Barkley and Vaughn****CREDIT REGULATION – RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES AND
CLOSED END CREDIT – DEBT CANCELLATION AGREEMENTS
– DEFINITIONS**

Altering the definition of “debt cancellation agreement”, for purposes of specified provisions of law governing retail installment sales and closed end credit, to include, under specified circumstances, an agreement under which the outstanding balance of a loan is reduced by the actual cash value of a motor vehicle or of specified collateral at the time of loss; altering the definitions of “outstanding balance” and “remaining loan balance” to exclude deferred payments and a specified portion of any financed taxes and charges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 920**Senator Raskin, et al****ETHICS ONLINE DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2012**

Requiring that specified ethics statements and reports be made available to the general public on the Internet through an online registration program; requiring that the ethics statements and reports be submitted in an electronic format; providing that a legislator is not required to report specified information under specified circumstances if reporting the information would violate standards of client confidentiality or professional conduct; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 921**Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS**

Continuing the State Board of Nursing by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, to contract with an independent entity for a specified management and personnel study with costs paid from the Board of Nursing Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 928**Senators Astle and Middleton****HEALTH INSURANCE – FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing an insurance producer who is licensed to sell health insurance to charge reasonable fees for an administrative service that is sold by the insurance producer to an employer; providing that fees may not be charged by an insurance producer for specified services; requiring an insurance producer, before a fee for administrative services is charged, to disclose specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 982**Delegate Davis****HEALTH INSURANCE – FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing an insurance producer who is licensed to sell health insurance to charge reasonable fees for an administrative service that is sold by the insurance producer to an employer; providing that fees may not be charged by an insurance producer for specified services; requiring an insurance producer, before a fee for administrative services is charged, to disclose specified information; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 929**Senator Astle, et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CONTACT VOLTAGE – SURVEYS AND MITIGATION – THE DEANNA CAMILLE GREEN ACT OF 2012**

Requiring specified electric companies to file with the Public Service Commission for approval a specified list or voltage survey plan on or before a specified date; requiring an electric company to file a voltage survey plan for Commission approval within a specified period of time; requiring an electric company to conduct specified surveys of specified objects and surfaces within specified contact voltage risk zones at specified times and under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 520**Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CONTACT VOLTAGE – SURVEYS AND MITIGATION – THE DEANNA CAMILLE GREEN ACT OF 2012**

Requiring specified electric companies to file with the Public Service Commission for approval a specified list or voltage survey plan on or before a specified date; requiring an electric company to file a voltage survey plan for Commission approval within a specified period of time; requiring an electric company to conduct specified surveys of specified objects and surfaces within specified contact voltage risk zones at specified times and under specified circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 938**Senator Mathias****PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – RESCISSION OF POLICY OR BINDER – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing an insurer to rescind a policy or binder of personal automobile insurance if the applicant's initial premium payment is made by a check or other remittance that is not honored on presentation to a specified financial institution; requiring an insurer to continue or reinstate a policy under specified circumstances; requiring that an insurer, to rescind the policy or binder, send a specified notice to specified persons within a specified period of time in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 1059**Delegate Feldman****PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE – RESCISSION OF POLICY OR BINDER – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing an insurer to rescind a policy or binder of personal automobile insurance if the applicant's initial premium payment is made by a check or other remittance that is not honored on presentation to a specified financial institution; requiring an insurer to continue or reinstate a policy under specified circumstances; requiring that an insurer, to rescind the policy or binder, send a specified notice to specified persons within a specified period of time in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 969**Senator Conway****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – LICENSURE OF CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring specified individuals to be licensed by the Board as clinical professional art therapists before performing specified work in the State; establishing education and experience requirements to qualify for a license under the Act; requiring the Board to waive requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1207**Delegate Pendergrass, et al****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – LICENSURE OF CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPISTS**

Altering the membership of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring specified individuals to be licensed by the Board as clinical professional art therapists before performing specified work in the State; establishing education and experience requirements to qualify for a license under the Act; requiring the Board to waive requirements under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 990**Senator Mathias****OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND TAXING AUTHORITY**

Altering a provision that places a limit on the amount of specified bonds that may be issued by a local governing body in connection with a specified convention center facility in a resort area and a tax on the sale of food and beverages in the resort area so that the limit applies to the total outstanding principal amount of the bonds; extending the time during which Ocean City and the Stadium Authority each own a specified leasehold interest in the Ocean City Convention Center and its expansion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 997**Senator Garagiola****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE USERS AND CHARGING STATIONS – EXCLUSIONS**

Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as the terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as the term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to include specified persons and to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1280**Delegate McHale, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC VEHICLE USERS AND CHARGING STATIONS – EXCLUSIONS**

Altering the definitions of “electricity supplier” and “public service company”, as those terms apply to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to exclude a person that owns or operates equipment used for charging electric vehicles; and altering the definition of “retail electric customer”, as that term applies to specified provisions of the Public Utilities Article, to include specified persons and to exclude a person that charges an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station, with a specified exception.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 1003**Senator Middleton, et al****LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION ACT – REVISIONS**

Revising the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation Act; altering the maximum amounts of specified contractual obligations of specified impaired or insolvent insurers for which the Corporation may become liable under specified circumstances; authorizing the Corporation to elect to succeed to the rights and obligations of specified insolvent insurers relating to specified reinsurance contracts within 180 days after the date of an order of liquidation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1340**Delegate Cullison****LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION ACT – REVISIONS**

Revising the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation Act; altering the maximum amounts of specified contractual obligations of specified impaired or insolvent insurers for which the Corporation may become liable under specified circumstances; authorizing the Corporation to elect to succeed to the rights and obligations of specified insolvent insurers relating to specified reinsurance contracts within 180 days after the date of an order of liquidation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

SB 1004**Senator Middleton****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS**

Specifying that energy from a specified thermal biomass system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; specifying that a person that owns and operates a thermal biomass system is eligible to receive a renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; specifying that an eligible person shall receive a renewable energy credit equal to a specified amount; requiring that the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a specified biomass system be measured in a specified way; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

SB 1018 Senator Kasemeyer**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RECTIFIERS – TOURS, SAMPLES, AND SALES**

Expanding the privileges of a rectifying license so that the holder of the license may conduct guided tours of the licensed premises and serve not more than a specified number of samples of products manufactured at the licensed premises; prohibiting a license holder or entity in which a license holder has a pecuniary interest from acting as a caterer of food; specifying the times when specified activities may be conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1316 Delegate Hershey, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RECTIFIERS – TOURS, SAMPLES, AND SALES**

Expanding the privileges of a rectifying license so that the holder of the license may conduct guided tours of the licensed premises, and serve not more than a specified number of samples of products manufactured at the licensed premises; prohibiting a license holder or entity in which a license holder has a pecuniary interest from acting as a caterer of food; specifying the times when specified activities may be conducted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 1036 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance specified projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1037**Senator DeGrange****PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS OF STATE DEBT TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS – ALTERATIONS**

Amending prior authorizations of State Debt to alter the requirement that specified grantees provide specified matching funds; extending the deadline for specified grantees to present evidence that a matching fund will be presented; providing that specified grants may not terminate before specified dates; changing the locations of specified capital projects; repealing a requirement that a specified grantee grant a historical easement; altering the purpose of specified grants; changing the names of specified grantees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1044**Senators Colburn and Mathias****WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D LICENSES**

Clarifying that there is a Class D beer, wine and liquor tavern license in Wicomico County; establishing a Class D beer, wine and liquor entertainment and amusement license in the County; specifying requirements that the premises that is the subject of a license application must meet; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 1059**Senator Conway****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMPTROLLER – DEPARTMENTS OF LIQUOR CONTROL AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS**

Expressly requiring the Comptroller to enforce provisions of law applicable to specified activities conducted by a department of liquor control or a liquor control board; and making specified powers of liquor control boards subject to the enforcement authority of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1432 Delegate Barkley**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMPTROLLER – DEPARTMENTS OF LIQUOR CONTROL AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARDS**

Expressly requiring the Comptroller to enforce provisions of law applicable to specified activities conducted by a department of liquor control or a liquor control board; and making specified powers of liquor control boards subject to the enforcement authority of the Comptroller.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

SB 1073 Senator Middleton**ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES AND WIND GENERATING STATIONS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive the requirement for an electric company to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to waive the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction related to an existing overhead transmission line designed to carry a specified amount of voltage; authorizing an electric company to undertake necessary construction related to an existing overhead transmission line; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1427 Delegates Jameson and Schuh**ELECTRICITY – CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES AND WIND GENERATING STATIONS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to waive the requirement for an electric company to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to waive the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction related to an existing overhead transmission line designed to carry a specified amount of voltage under specified circumstances; authorizing an electric company to undertake specified construction; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 16**Delegate Haddaway–Riccio****TALBOT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIOLATIONS –
ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS**

Authorizing specified alcoholic beverages inspectors in Talbot County to issue citations for specified alcoholic beverages violations in the inspectors' jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 19**Delegate Kach****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY
SERVICE CREDIT – RESERVISTS**

Authorizing members of the State Retirement and Pension System who are members of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States to receive 4 months of service credit for each full year of military service, not to exceed a total of 36 months; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 94**Delegate Haddaway–Riccio, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE
REGISTRATION PLATES**

Repealing the authority of the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue specified commemorative registration plates; requiring rather than authorizing the Administration to issue a special Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Registration Plate; requiring the Administration to disburse specified fees to the Chesapeake Bay Trust; requiring the Administration to consult with the Chesapeake Bay Trust on specified matters; repealing the termination provision for the Chesapeake Bay Commemorative Plate Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 99**Delegate Kipke****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SEMIPERMANENT FOOD
SERVICE FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the operator of a specified semipermanent food service facility to meet specified requirements regarding wastewater disposal and access to a potable water supply; defining “semipermanent food service facility”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 101 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**HEALTH – GENERAL – POSTHUMOUS USE OF DONOR SPERM AND EGGS**

Prohibiting a person from using sperm or eggs from a known donor for the purpose of assisted reproduction under specified circumstances; establishing requirements for a valid consent; establishing penalties for violation of provisions of the Act; altering the definition of “child” for purposes of inheritance, to include a child conceived from the genetic material of a person after the person’s death under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 125 Frederick County Delegation and Washington County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – JOB CREATION BY SMALL BUSINESSES**

Authorizing the governing body of Frederick County and the governing body of Washington County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property owned or leased by specified new or existing business entities that meet specified requirements; providing for the amount and duration of the property tax credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 138 Carroll County Delegation**CARROLL COUNTY – POLLING PLACES – ELECTIONEERING BOUNDARIES**

Specifying that in Carroll County the line beyond which electioneering is prohibited outside a polling place is to be located as near as practicable to 100 feet from the entrance and exit to the polling place.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 167**Delegate Hucker, et al****AGRICULTURE – COMMERCIAL FEED – ARSENIC PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, or distributing specified commercial feed intended for use as poultry feed that contains roxarsone or any other additive that contains arsenic; authorizing a person to use, sell, or distribute specified commercial feed that contains histostat; providing for the termination of the Act under specified circumstances; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to provide a specified notification; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

HB 175**Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY REVENUE AUTHORITY – PUBLIC ETHICS LAW**

Altering the provisions of the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include each board member and the chief executive of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority in the definition of “local official” for all purposes of the Baltimore County Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 213**Delegate Branch, et al****BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Establishing the Baltimore City Community Enhancement Transit-Oriented Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for specified purposes; providing for the contents and uses of the fund; providing that a portion of revenues from projects and other money shall be paid into the Fund under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to pay specified money from the Fund to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City in a specified manner; adding the Fund to a specified list of exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 215 Delegate Stukes, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH (IO–YOUTH) PILOT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish an Investment in Our Youth (IO–YOUth) Pilot Program; providing that the Program must be established as a qualified organization eligible to receive tax–deductible charitable contributions under federal law; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to provide summer jobs for specified youths by hiring them to work for the City of Baltimore or by providing grants to specified nonprofit organizations that will provide summer jobs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 245 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – SCHOOL BUSES – LENGTH OF OPERATION**

Altering the length of time a school bus may be operated in Charles County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 269 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**NATURAL RESOURCES – BOATING – DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Repealing a requirement that an owner of a specified vessel submit a written request to the Department of Natural Resources to prohibit the Department from disclosing specified information to any person; narrowing the prohibition against and exception for the disclosure of specified records held by the Department by applying the prohibition and exception only to personal information about the owner of a registered vessel; and clarifying the application of specified exceptions to the prohibition.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 283 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee and Delegate Elliott

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – SUNSET EXTENSION AND REVISIONS

Continuing the State Board of Pharmacy in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; repealing specified provisions relating to physician–pharmacist agreements to be approved by the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Pharmacy; repealing a provision requiring fees related to therapy management to be established in regulations; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 284 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

EDUCATION – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-COUNTY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS – PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Altering a provision relating to funding the education of disabled children placed in out-of-county living arrangements; and defining “least restrictive environment C” and “least restrictive environment F”.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 329 Anne Arundel County Delegation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY – LICENSES AND HOURS FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION

Altering the hours for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at a video lottery facility in Anne Arundel County to match the hours of operation for a video lottery facility; providing that a subsidiary of a specified entity may be issued an entertainment facility license; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 362 Delegates Rudolph and James**NORTHEAST MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Establishing the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board; providing for the composition, appointment, and terms of the Board members; providing for a chair of the Board and the establishment of committees; prohibiting Board members from receiving compensation but entitling Board members to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the powers and duties of the Board; authorizing the Board to apply, accept, and expend specified gifts, appropriations, or grants; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 392 Delegate Hammen, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Authorizing the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to make the issuance and renewal of specified alcoholic beverages licenses conditional on the substantial compliance of the license holder with the terms of a memorandum of understanding between a community association and an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; establishing that the existence of a memorandum of understanding does not affect any requirement of any individuals to file a specified protest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 421 Delegate Feldman**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS – DETERMINATION OF BENEFITS**

Altering the calculation of workers' compensation death benefits for a dependent of a deceased covered employee who died due to an occupational disease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 457**Delegate Howard, et al****TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY OR CAPITAL TRANSIT
CONSTRUCTION TRAINING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to use the maximum amount of specified federal funds available for highway or capital transit construction training program and supportive services, including skill improvement programs; requiring the Department to administer specified highway construction and supportive services programs in collaboration with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 493**Delegates Simmons and Kramer****TASK FORCE TO STUDY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
APPRENTICESHIPS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; establishing the duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of expenses; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly by a specified date; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 509**Delegate K. Kelly, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – INMATES – HIV TESTING**

Authorizing specified courts to order specified inmates to furnish blood samples or cheek swabs to be tested for the presence of HIV under specified circumstances; requiring specified courts to hold specified hearings under specified circumstances before ordering a specified test; requiring a specified correctional employee or the employee's representative and a specified inmate or the inmate's representative to be notified of specified information; providing that only specified evidence may be admitted at specified hearings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 511 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee and Delegate Hubbard

**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS –
TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Renaming the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians to be the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists; transferring the Board and specified functions, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and records from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; renaming environmental sanitarians to be environmental health specialists; altering the length of terms and the number of terms specified Board members may serve; establishing a State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 568 Delegate Rosenberg

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM –
CREDIT ALLOCATION**

Authorizing the allocation of the Sustainable Communities tax credit among the partners, members, or shareholders of an entity in any manner agreed to by specified persons in writing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 641 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

**HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C VIRUSES – PUBLIC
AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND OUTREACH**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as funds are available, to conduct a needs assessment, initiate a statewide public awareness campaign, solicit funding, and review and recommend initiatives related to the hepatitis B virus; requiring the Department, as funds are available, to coordinate with the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to develop specified hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 651 Delegate Waldstreicher (By Request – Task Force on Prisoner Reentry), et al

CHILD SUPPORT – INCARCERATED OBLIGORS – SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS AND ACCRUAL OF ARREARAGES

Establishing that child support payments are not past due and arrearages may not accrue during any period when the obligor is incarcerated and for a specified period after the obligor's release from confinement under specified circumstances; authorizing the Child Support Enforcement Administration to adjust an incarcerated obligor's payment account in specified cases to reflect the suspension of the accrual of arrearages under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 679 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam, et al

CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND HEALTH LITERACY – EDUCATION

Requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to work collaboratively with specified universities and colleges of social work, public health, and allied health to develop specified courses; changing the name of the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program to be the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 680 Delegate Rosenberg, et al

EDUCATION – TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE INCORPORATING THE SUBJECT OF AGRICULTURE IN EXISTING CURRICULAR AREAS

Requiring the State Board of Education and the University of Maryland Extension, after consultation with local boards of education, the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and other organizations that promote education about sustainable agriculture, to create a task force to explore options for incorporating the subject of agriculture, including sustainable agriculture and other agricultural issues, in all existing curricular areas; and terminating the Act after May 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 700**Delegate Feldman****COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – REVISIONS TO TITLE 1**

Revising, updating, reorganizing, and clarifying Title 1 of the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code (MUCC) relating to general provisions applicable to the MUCC; establishing a short title; clarifying the transactions to which Title 1 of the MUCC applies; providing for the effect of Title 1 of the MUCC on a specified federal law; authorizing the subordination of an obligation or a right to performance under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 713**Delegate Feldman****COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE – SECURED TRANSACTIONS – REVISION**

Altering the circumstances under which a secured party has control of electronic chattel paper; establishing specified rules applicable to collateral to which a security interest attaches within a specified period of time; establishing specified rules applicable to a financing statement naming an original debtor that is filed pursuant to the law of a specified jurisdiction; altering the circumstances under which a specified licensee or buyer of specified collateral takes free of a security interest; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

HB 723**Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND WELL EASEMENTS – RURAL ZONES MC 7–12**

Providing that, with specified exceptions, in Montgomery County an on-site sewage disposal system or well located in a rural zone may only serve a specified property under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 724**Delegate Kaiser, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKERS – REPORTING**

Requiring local school systems to report information on the duties and activities of school guidance counselors and pupil personnel workers that are designed to promote college readiness of students in grades 6 through 12 to the State Department of Education on or before December 31, 2012; requiring the State Department of Education to report specified information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 725**Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTIONS – VOTING BY MAIL MC 5–12**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to direct that voting by mail be utilized in specified special elections for the Montgomery County Council; specifying the application of specified provisions of law to a special election for the Montgomery County Council; requiring the local board of elections to mail a vote-by-mail ballot to each registered voter who is eligible to vote in a special election conducted by mail unless the voter has requested that the ballot be transmitted by other means; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 766**Delegate Vallario, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – CRIME VICTIMS AND ADVOCATES**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day to honor the individuals in the State who have become crime victims and the advocates who serve those victims; and requiring the Governor annually to take appropriate steps to publicize Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 770**Delegate Davis****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ELECTRIC COMPANIES –
NEW GENERATION FACILITIES AND CUSTOMER CREDITS
AND THE ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM**

Providing that if a party to a merger or acquisition of an electric company or an electric company affiliate must distribute a credit to customers under an agreement with the Public Service Commission, the Commission shall consider the adequacy of the current funding of the electric universal service program in providing specified assistance; providing that specified funds deposited into the electric universal service fund are in addition to, and may not substitute for, specified funds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 807**Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM –
CONTRIBUTION RATES AND REINVESTMENT OF SAVINGS –
TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying how contribution rates for the employees' and teachers' retirement and pension systems are calculated to reflect legislative changes that result in a change to normal cost or accrued liabilities; repealing a requirement that the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System certify a calculation of the difference between specified contributions resulting from specified legislative changes; altering the method for determining an amount to be included in the annual budget bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 824**Delegate Hammen (Chair, Health and Government
Operations Committee)****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – APPOINTMENT AND TERM
OF CHAIR**

Requiring the Governor to appoint the chair of the State Board of Physicians; and establishing the term of office of the chair.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 827**Delegate Hubbard****POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS – EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography; and requiring the State Board of Physicians to waive specified education requirements for a license to practice polysomnography if, in addition to meeting other requirements, an applicant has passed a specified examination on or before September 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 866**Delegate Feldman****TITLE INSURANCE – CLOSING OR SETTLEMENT PROTECTION PRACTICES – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to study closing or settlement protection practices of the title insurance industry and to make specified recommendations; requiring the commissioner to consider specified matters in conducting the study; requiring the Commissioner to report findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 884**Delegate Summers, et al****ELECTRIC, GAS, SEWER, AND WATER SERVICE – DEFAULT NOTICE TO CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS**

Requiring specified persons that directly bill the governing body of a condominium or a person designated by the governing body billed for the water, sewer, electric, or gas service to post notice conspicuously at or near the entry to the common area when a specified charge is in default for a specified time period; authorizing specified persons to enter onto the common area of specified condominium property at specified times to post a notice at or near the entry to the common area; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 896 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
TRANSPARENCY AND RATE RELIEF ACT OF 2012 PG/MC 107–
12

Requiring, beginning on a specified date, specified information regarding the number of payments of a front foot benefit charge to be printed on property tax bills in Prince George's County; establishing a Task Force to Study Rates and Charges in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations to the governor and the Montgomery County and Prince George's County delegations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 900 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS –
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR TRAFFIC MITIGATION
PG/MC 109–12

Repealing a limitation on a specified impact fee; altering the requirement that the Prince George's County Council provide credit in lieu of payment of development impact fees to include payments made regarding specified permanent or interim public transportation projects; requiring the County Council to provide credit in lieu of payment of specified development impact fees for specified payments related to subdivision approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 903 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE PG 407–12

Establishing the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Citizen's Advisory Committee in Prince George's County; providing for the purposes, membership, and duties of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to elect officers from among its members; requiring a specified office in the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide specified assistance to the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to meet at least once each month; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 906 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES PG 401–12

Authorizing Prince George's County, by ordinance, to impose and collect a fee for the provision of administrative hearing services for the resolution of disputes involving a common ownership community located in the county; and authorizing Prince George's County to include specified provisions in the ordinance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 910 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – BUDGETARY PROCESSES

Renaming specified balances in the general fund of Frederick County; requiring that if a specified committed general fund balance is appropriated and expended by the County Commissioners of Frederick County, the County Commissioners shall replenish the committed general fund balance by the end of the following third fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 919 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, AND RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – PAYMENT OF TAXES PG 302–12

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County from issuing or renewing a license unless the Board is provided verification that undisputed taxes have been paid or that payment has been provided for; authorizing the Board to condition the issuance of a license for which a transfer has been approved on verification of specified information; and specifying that tax verification requirements apply to the principals and owners of specified entities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 920 Delegate Rosenberg

MARYLAND UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT – DEFINITIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Altering the definition of “agency contract” to include a specified agreement in which a student–athlete authorizes a person to assess and plan for the financial benefits that may arise out of the student–athlete's professional sports career; altering the definition of “athlete agent” to include specified individuals who facilitate the connection to a student–athlete signing an agency contract or who enter into a specified agreement with a student–athlete or solicit or recruit the student–athlete to enter into the agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 929 Delegate Stein, et al

ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING RATES AND WASTE DIVERSION – STATEWIDE GOALS

Altering dates by which specified counties must include and implement recycling and waste diversion goals in the counties' recycling plans; increasing specified recycling and waste diversion goals that must be included in the counties' recycling plans; establishing statewide waste diversion and recycling goals; authorizing the statewide recycling goals to be met through cooperative efforts of specified parties; authorizing a specified county to combine its recycling rate with the recycling rates of specified adjacent counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 975**Delegate Kach, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EXPENSES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$500 of specified expenses incurred by individuals in connection with land preservation under the Forest Conservation and Management Program within the Department of Natural Resources, if the individual's application is approved by the Department; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 979**Calvert County Delegation****CALVERT COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – FILING DATE**

Altering the date by which Calvert County may file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Department of Legislative Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 991**Delegates Rosenberg and Carr****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE RENOVATION AND REPAIR NEEDS OF SENIOR HOMEOWNERS**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, with the assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources, to create a task force to study methods for identifying and understanding the renovation and repair needs of low-income and limited-income senior homeowners and identifying resources to assist senior homeowners; requiring the task force to consult with and enlist the participation of specified stakeholders; requiring a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1009 Delegate Hubbard**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR TRAINEES – REGISTRY AND CODE OF ETHICS REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to maintain a registry of and adopt a code of ethics for individuals working as trainees under the supervision of approved alcohol and drug counselor supervisors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1050 Delegates Barkley and Davis**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEES – ADULT ENTERTAINMENT – EXCEPTION**

Providing that specified prohibitions in specified jurisdictions against alcoholic beverages licensees allowing specified types of adult entertainment are not applicable to licensees who are operators of theaters, art centers, or similar establishments that present performances expressing matters of serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value; altering a prohibition against specified activity; terminating an exemption from a prohibition against specified activity in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1052 Delegates Beitzel and Frush**WILDLIFE POACHING PREVENTION ACT**

Repealing provisions of law that authorize a court to suspend the hunting license or privileges of a person who has been convicted of hunting offenses; repealing standards and prohibited acts related to the suspension of a hunting license or hunting privileges; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources or the court, in addition to other penalties, to suspend for up to a specified period of time the hunting license or privileges of a person who is convicted of a State or federal hunting violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1068 Delegate Burns, et al**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS MADE – NOTICE**

Requiring insurers that issue policies of homeowner's insurance in the State to provide applicants and insureds with a notice that states the claim-related grounds under which the insurer may cancel or refuse to renew the policy; requiring insurers to provide the notice at specified times and in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

HB 1080 Delegate Walker, et al**EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES – HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION GUIDELINES**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified organizations and health care providers, to develop a model policy for preseason-practice heat acclimatization guidelines for student athletes; requiring local boards of education to adopt preseason-practice heat acclimatization guidelines for student athletes; requiring specified guidelines to include requirements for the duration of a practice time, a walk-through, and a recovery period during preseason practice; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

HB 1081 Delegate Rosenberg**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT REFORM ACT OF 2012**

Providing that a person who has been granted a homestead property tax credit and is subsequently found to not qualify for the credit shall be assessed property taxes otherwise due; requiring that a person be assessed, under specified circumstances, a penalty equal to a specified amount; requiring a specified penalty to be separately itemized on the person's tax bill; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2012

HB 1117 Delegates Hershey and Jameson**ZONING, CONSTRUCTION, AND STORMWATER – PERMITS AND VARIANCES – SOLAR PANELS**

Providing that, for the purposes of issuing a permit or a variance relating to zoning, construction, or stormwater for a project to install a solar panel, any calculation relating to the impervious surface of the project required by the State or local governing authority issuing the permit or variance may include only the foundation or base supporting the solar panel; establishing an exception; etc.

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HB 1123 Delegate Mizeur**ENVIRONMENT – PRESUMPTIVE IMPACT AREAS – CONTAMINATION CAUSED BY GAS WELLS IN DEEP SHALE DEPOSITS**

Establishing for each permit to drill a gas well in deep shale deposits a presumptive impact area around the gas well; requiring a permittee to replace a water supply under specified circumstances; authorizing the permittee to avoid restoration under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring a permittee to replace a water supply or compensate an owner under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.

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HB 1124 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION – REVISIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

Repealing a requirement that each sanitary district in St. Mary's County be a separate taxing district; repealing a prohibition against a specified adverse effect as a result of a change in sanitary district lines; altering the notice requirements for specified water supply and sewerage system studies and plans; repealing a requirement that the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County make a specified decision; etc.

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HB 1148**Delegate Lee, et al****COURTS – VICTIMS OF CRIME – INTERPRETERS**

Altering specified requirements relating to the use of interpreters in court proceedings to include the appointment of an interpreter for a victim or victim's representative who is deaf or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language; authorizing a victim or a victim's representative to apply for appointment of a specified interpreter; etc.

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HB 1188**Delegate Ross, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM**

Creating the Lacrosse Opportunities Program in the State Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to participate in lacrosse in their communities; requiring the State Superintendent of Education to administer the Program; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2014, to include at least \$40,000 for the Program in the annual budget submission; etc.

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HB 1196**Delegates Ready and Pena–Melnik****PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT – CONFLICT OF INTEREST – EXEMPTION**

Providing that assisting in the drafting of specifications, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals does not include submitting specified oral comments on specifications; providing that assisting in the drafting of specifications, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals for specified procurements of health, human, social or educational services does not include comments solicited from specified persons as part of specified requests for information; etc.

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HB 1201**Delegate Conway, et al****DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – STATE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – USE AND CONFLICTS OF LAW**

Requiring the Smart Growth Subcabinet to meet at least biannually with specified individuals to discuss specified local government issues; prohibiting use of the State Development Plan to deny a State–issued permit or specified State funding; etc.

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HB 1214 Delegate Kaiser, et al**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MAXIMUM STUDENT ENROLLMENT POLICY – STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Education to study the establishment of a policy on maximum student enrollment in public schools during the first phase of a specified study of the adequacy of education funding in the State.

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HB 1228 Delegate Bohanan**REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS – FUNDING FORMULA**

Authorizing that operating funds for regional higher education centers administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission be distributed using a specified funding formula, as provided in the State budget; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the inclusion of outcome and performance measures in a specified funding formula; etc.

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HB 1238 Delegate Dumais**MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND – NET INTEREST EARNINGS**

Including the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund in the list of funds whose net interest earnings do not accrue to the General Fund of the State; and providing that specified charges may not be made against the Fund.

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HB 1254 Delegate Vaughn, et al**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK FUND – MINIMUM APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the minimum General Fund appropriation to the Small Business Development Center Network Fund that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill beginning in fiscal year 2013.

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HB 1264 Howard County Delegation (By Request)

HOWARD COUNTY – MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT, PAWNBROKER OR SECONDHAND DEALER ESTABLISHMENT, AND TAXICAB LICENSES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS HO. CO. 8–12

Authorizing the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to request from the Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for an applicant for a massage establishment license, pawnbroker or secondhand dealer establishment license, taxicab license, or renewal of a massage establishment license, pawnbroker or secondhand dealer establishment license, or taxicab license; requiring that the department submit two complete sets of the applicant's fingerprints and specified fees; etc.

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HB 1272 Delegate A. Miller, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH – ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES – DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS PROHIBITED

Prohibiting a person from selling, distributing, or offering for sale to a minor electronic devices that can be used to deliver nicotine to the individual inhaling from the device, including electronic cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, or pipes; specifying an exception to the prohibition; providing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor subject to a specified fine; establishing a defense for a violation of the Act; etc.

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HB 1289 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTIES – ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

Altering the definition of “qualified distressed county” for specified purposes; authorizing specified businesses to claim an income tax credit under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit if the number of qualifying positions filled by the qualified business falls below 25, but does not fall below 10; etc.

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HB 1296 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF COURSE LICENSE**

Authorizing the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board to issue a special Class M–G beer, wine and liquor license for use at a specified golf course; specifying that a licensee may be a golf course manager; providing for an annual license fee; specifying that the license may be used to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption only on the land and in the facilities used for golfing purposes; authorizing a golf course manager to designate an agent for specified purposes; etc.

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HB 1306 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE LEASING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Aquaculture Coordinating Council, to charge an application fee, rent, and an aquaculture development surcharge for water column leases; reducing the length of time that the Department is required to advertise an aquaculture lease application in a local newspaper; prohibiting a leaseholder from placing specified oysters on a lease; repealing provisions of law that authorize and govern the dredging of oysters on leased ground in specified areas of the State; etc.

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HB 1325 Delegate O'Donnell**NATURAL RESOURCES – CRABS – CATCH TIMES FOR TROTLINE GEAR**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations establishing an earlier beginning of the workday for tidal fish licensees who catch crabs using trotline gear; prohibiting the Department from restricting the tidal fish licensees' workday to less than 11 hours, including time spent setting or taking up gear; and prohibiting trotline gear from being set earlier than the catch time established by the Department.

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HB 1327 Delegate Lafferty**COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM – SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY DESIGNATION – TIME EXTENSION**

Extending the date until which existing community legacy areas and designated neighborhoods will be considered sustainable communities for the purposes of the Community Legacy Program; and extending the date by which sponsors of existing community legacy areas and designated neighborhoods are required to file for redesignation as a sustainable community for the purposes of financial assistance under the Program.

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HB 1356 Delegate Barkley**HEALTH INSURANCE – DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE –
COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and dental plan organizations to provide coverage for dental preventive care, including dental cleanings, if specified conditions are met; prohibiting a carrier from imposing a specified frequency limitation on dental preventive care; prohibiting specified provisions from being construed to require coverage for a specified service; etc.

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HB 1368 Delegate Schulz**FREDERICK COUNTY – MIDDLETOWN WINE FESTIVAL
LICENSE**

Authorizing in Frederick County the creation of a Middletown Wine Festival license; authorizing the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of specified licenses; specifying that the license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine for consumption on or off the premises on the days and for the hours designated for the Middletown Wine Festival; providing for a license fee; authorizing the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown to hold not more than two 1-day Middletown Wine Festivals; etc.

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HB 1411 Delegate George, et al**ENVIRONMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION – WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM FEES**

Altering specified application fees for minor wetlands and waterways projects and major and minor modifications; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring application fees for the installation of specified lifts or for specified maintenance, repair, or replacement under specified circumstances; prohibiting modification of specified fees without legislative enactment; requiring the Board of Public Works to establish a minimum compensation rate for specified structures; etc.

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HB 1429 Delegate Lee, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – STATUE OF HARRIET TUBMAN**

Requiring the Governor to authorize the gift of a statue of Harriet Tubman to the United States government and request the United States Congress to place the statue in Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center or other appropriate federal property located in Washington, D.C.; and requiring the Governor to establish the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission that would raise funds to pay the costs associated with the statue and represent the State in selecting a sculptor.

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HB 1445 Delegate Stifler**PLUMBING AND HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION EMPLOYEES – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – LICENSE REQUIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION**

Prohibiting a person from employing an individual to provide or assist in providing plumbing or heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, or refrigeration services on a specified public work contract unless the person is licensed by the State Board of Plumbing, the Baltimore County Plumbing Board, or the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; and prohibiting a person from classifying a specified employee under a specified public work contract at a specified work classification higher than the employee's license type.

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HB 1446 Delegates Otto and McDermott**SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES – DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing persons in Somerset County and Worcester County to hunt deer on specified Sundays on private property using specified hunting equipment during specified months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

SB 1301 The President (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2012**

Altering or repealing specified required appropriations; altering the distribution of specified revenues; altering or repealing specified funding requirements; altering the authorized use of specified funds; authorizing the transfer of specified funds; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 1302 The President (By Request – Administration)**STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND FINANCING ACT OF 2012**

Increasing the State individual income tax rates on specified amounts of income; altering the amount that specified individuals may deduct as an exemption under the income tax; requiring specified business trusts to add specified income to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; altering the tax rate for specified tobacco products; providing, for purposes of the recordation tax, that specified security interest in real property is deemed to be treated as debt incurred; altering specified fees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 1303 The President (By Request – Administration)**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,324,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

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SJ 2 Senators Raskin and Forehand**MARYLAND RATIFICATION OF THE 17TH AMENDMENT TO
THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

Ratifying the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution
relative to the popular election of United States Senators.

HJ 3 Delegate Morhaim, et al**MARYLAND RATIFICATION OF THE 17TH AMENDMENT TO
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**SJ 3 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request –
Judicial Compensation Commission)****JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION –
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Establishing the compensation of the members of the Maryland
Court of Appeals, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, the circuit
courts, and the District Court of Maryland.